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SECTIONS 41.11, 41.24 AND 41.113

MAJOR CHANGES

1. 41.11 Procedural Notes: These procedural notes regarding Maintenance of Status and Departure Bonds contain minor changes throughout, except for PN1.1 and PN1.2 which have been changed in their entirety.
2. 41.24 Exhibit I: Several new international organizations have been added to the list. The previous list of organizations referred **to** the Organization of American States. It has been changed to Organization **for** American States.
3. 41.113 Notes: In N3.2, the country of Cambodia has been deleted. Throughout the notes, the word “alien(s)” has been replaced by “applicant(s)”. There have been some other additions and deletions as well.
4. 41.113 Procedural Notes: The new procedural notes deal basically with Machine Readable Visas (MRV). With the introduction of the MRV there are two new exhibits added to this section while other exhibits have been deleted.
5. Officers are reminded that Department-issued materials not codified in the *Foreign Affairs Manual* or its supplemental *Foreign Affairs Handbook* series generally have no regulatory validity (see 2 FAM 1115.2).

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